

Article Overview

Optical module debugging involves systematic testing, parameter optimization, and signal verification to ensure high-speed, reliable performance.

PCIe Optical Module Debugging

For PCIe interface optical modules, debugging typically starts by connecting the module to a test system to initiate link training. If the link fails, an optimization flow is executed to adjust module parameters. Once the link is successful, equalization parameters are fine-tuned, and test information is sent to verify the bit error rate (BER). A BER smaller than $1e-12$ indicates successful debugging, after which the optimized parameters are saved for future use .

Extinction Ratio Debugging

The extinction ratio of an optical module, which affects signal quality, can be debugged using a calculation-based method. Steps include writing bias current DAC values, determining luminous efficiency and threshold current, setting target extinction ratio and average light power, and adjusting DAC values accordingly. The current extinction ratio is then measured and compared against specification limits to ensure proper performance .

Signal Testing and PHY-Level Debugging

Optical modules can be tested at three nodes: MAC -> PHY, PHY -> MAC, and PHY -> PHY. Pre-FEC and post-FEC bit errors are monitored, and SNR information is checked using diagnostic commands. Mapping between Ethernet ports and chip ports is essential for accurate lane-level testing, ensuring proper signal integrity and error correction .

I2C-Based Debugging Tools

Tools like CodingBox provide an efficient way to debug SFP, XFP, QSFP, and other transceivers. They allow I2C reading and writing, DD/DOM parameter interpretation, and online debugging via scripts. Users can connect the module to a computer via USB and perform coding, parameter adjustments, and low-speed signal tests conveniently .

Qualcomm-Based High-Speed Module Debugging

For high-speed optical modules using Qualcomm chips, debugging focuses on signal integrity, thermal management, and laser performance. Key steps include:

- o Checking power supply stability and monitoring temperature/current via on-chip sensors.
- o Verifying thermal management to prevent wavelength drift.
- o Using Optical Spectrum Analyzers (OSA) to ensure laser wavelength stability and linewidth.
- o Ensuring proper alignment of laser diodes, modulators, and photodetectors to maintain high-fidelity signal transmission .

Best Practices

- o Always start with link training and BER verification.
- o Adjust equalization and bias parameters iteratively.
- o Use diagnostic tools to monitor SNR, pre-FEC, and post-FEC errors.
- o Employ calculation-based methods for extinction ratio optimization to save time and improve efficiency.
- o Maintain thermal and power stability to prevent performance degradation in high-speed modules. By combining these methods, engineers can systematically debug optical modules, ensuring reliable operation in data centers, 5G networks, and high-performance computing environments.

The invention discloses an optical module debugging system, which comprises a debugging board, a debugging communication

The application belongs to the field of optical modules, relates to a test and debug technology, and in particular relates to an optical

1. Document Purpose The purpose of this document is to introduce the debugging steps and commands for optical modules used

3. Functional Debugging Commands Reference 3.1 Checking Basic Information of Optical Modules
CLI:show interfaces transceiver

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